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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 January 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 11,13-23,25-27 and 32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 11,13-23,25-27 and 32 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved, b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 11,13-23,25-27 and 29-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 11: It is confusing whether the "a plurality of stations" recited in line 19 is the same as the once in line 3. If so, the once in line 19 should be amended to read as ---said plurality of stations.

Part of the sentence starting "---the base station transmitting the base station synchronization---" does not make a sense with the sentence starting "the base station communicating---" in line 19.

Claim15: It has been claimed in the preamble, lines 1-4, that; the telecommunication station is communicating with the base station and with the plurality of station, however the body of the claim is referring to "the primary station not the plurality of stations," which is confusing.

Claim 19: "T[t]he primary station" and "the primary station synchronization information" in line 21 lacks a clear antecedent basis.

Claims 13-14,16-18, 20-23, 25-27 and 29-32: Claims 13-14,16-18, 20-23, 25-27 and 29-32 are inherently rejected as being dependent on the rejected base claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

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*Claims 11,13-23,25-27 and 29-32 are rejected under 35 U.S. C. 102(b) as being anticipated by **Schlosser et al.** (US patent number 3,879,581, of a record).

Schlosser teaches a communication system having a repeater station (100) (claimed primary) for communicating with a plurality of subscriber stations (not shown, see subscriber line in figure 1) and data terminals (110), wherein the repeater terminal comprising means and steps for: receiving an information signal from one of the subscriber stations using an up-link channel and slot through a data terminal (110); detecting the received up-link signal from the terminal and the sync signal and assigning a sync. signal in a corresponding time slot for transmitting to the receiving end on the assigned time slot and frequency (2a-2f and claims 1-6) as in claims 11,13,15,16,19,22,26 and 30. The repeater unit modifies the received up-link signals to be transmitted and assigns the down-link time slot without the knowledge of the data terminals and subscriber units, and therefore it is transparent to both the subscriber and the data terminals.

Further to claims 14,17 and 20, the data terminals and the subscriber station (not shown) are outside the operating range.

The time slots in figures 2a-2f having a corresponding up-link and downlink frequencies (800 channels) as in claims 23,27 and 30, and the sync. information and control field transmitted by the spacecraft 100 will be used by the data terminals to be synchronized as in claim 32.

The repeater unit (100) modifies the received signal to be transmitted to the receiving end, therefore, reads on the claimed equalizing the received signal before retransmitting as in claims 25,29 and 31.

The wideband downlink (121) includes a synchronization and control field, which is utilized by the spacecraft to interrogate and call the data terminals in order to set up a circuit connection, to provide time reference for uplink synchronization of the terminals (see col. 4, lines 41-59), reads on the newly claimed secondary station aligning its frame timing according to the received signal in claims 11,15 and 19. The repeater unit is a radio transceiver reads on the claimed transmitter and receiver embedded on radio as in claims 18 and 21.

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Response to Amendment

2. Applicant amendment does not include any argument to the rejected claims, therefore no response is necessary.

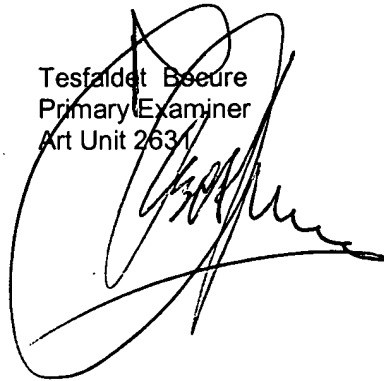
Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tesfaldet Bocure whose telephone number is (703) 305-4735. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur (7:30a-5:00p) & Mon.-Fri (7:30a-5:00p).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chi Pham can be reached on (703) 305-4378. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9314 for regular communications and (703) 305-3988 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-4700.

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